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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Authorities Arrest Couple Wanted in Kidnapping in Colorado

(U) Authorities in Colorado arrested a couple wanted for the kidnapping of three children and for questioning in the death of a woman found in Gorman, California. The couple, Joshua Aaron Robertson, 27, and Brittany Humphrey, 22, were arrested without incident at a motel in Pueblo, Colorado. Pueblo police had been on a routine patrol check at the motel around noon yesterday when they came across Humphrey in a car. They identified her as the person wanted in Los Angeles and then found Robertson nearby and took them both into custody without incident. An infant girl who was traveling with them was also found safe and taken into protective custody.

SOURCE: 25 August 2016, <u>ABC 7</u>

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – FDA Advises Zika Screening For All US Blood Centers

(U) Washington - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) wants all US blood banks to start screening for Zika virus, a major expansion intended to protect the nation's blood supply from the mosquito-borne disease. The new advisory means all US states and territories will need to begin testing blood donations for Zika.

SOURCE: 26 August 2016, AP

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Hong Kong – First Zika Case in Hong Kong Confirmed

(U) Victoria – Hong Kong has confirmed its first case of Zika in a woman who had travelled to the Caribbean, putting the Asian financial hub on high alert for any spread of the mosquito-borne virus that has wreaked havoc in Latin America, the Caribbean and beyond. The Controller of the Centre for Health Protection of the Department of Health told the media late yesterday that relevant measures had been taken to prevent the virus from spreading. The unidentified woman had been in the Caribbean from 6-20 August and returned to Hong Kong on 23 August, the department said. It said it would report the case to the World Health Organization.

SOURCE: 26 August 2016, Reuters India

(U) Iran – US Navy Fires Warning Shots at Iranian Boat

(U) Strait of Hormuz – A US Navy ship in the Persian Gulf fired three warning shots at an Iranian small craft that had earlier come as close as 200 yards to another US Navy vessel, and the Iranian boat sped away after the warning shots were fired. The incident was one of three encounters in the Persian Gulf on Wednesday involving US Navy vessels and small boats from the Iranian Revolutionary Guard. They follow another close encounter between the two navies on Tuesday when four Iranian craft "harassed" the destroyer USS Nitze near the Strait of Hormuz, according to US officials.

SOURCE: 25 August 2016, ABC News

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(U) Turkey – Suicide Truck Bomb Kills 11 Police

(U) Cizre – A suicide truck bombing at a police headquarters in Turkey's largely Kurdish southeast killed at least 11 and wounded dozens, two days after Turkey launched an incursion against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) and Kurdish militia fighters in Syria. Prime Minister Binali Yildirim said there was no doubt that the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK), which has waged a three-decade insurgency for Kurdish autonomy, was responsible for the attack in Sirnak province, which borders Syria and Iraq. The provincial governor's office said 11 police officers were killed and 78 people, three of them civilians, were wounded. There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

SOURCE: 26 August 2016, Reuters

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Mexico – Drug Cartel Leader Found Dead

(U) Nuevo Leon – A leader of the Gulf Cartel, who also had ties to the Rio Grande Valley, was found dead in the state of Nuevo Leon, Mexico. El Mañana reported the bodies of Gumercindo 'El Aguila' Gamez Villarreal and one of his top associates were found by Mexican authorities. Officials said they were reportedly kidnapped, tortured and murdered by members of their own cartel.

SOURCE: 25 August 2016, KRGV

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